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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TIA CHARTER PROBLEM

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1. SUMMARY: JCAB DEP DIR GEN YAMAJI HAS PROVIDED DETAILED EXPLANATION OF TIA CHARTER REFUSALS. TURNDOWNS ATTRIBUTED TO LACK OF HANEDA TIME SLOTS ON DATES REQUESTED. APPLICATIONS BY FOREIGN CARRIERS FOR AUGUST NON-SCHEDULED MOVEMENTS ALREADY EXCEED ALLOTABLE NUMBER. JCAB INDICATED IT WOULD CONSIDER TIA REQUEST FOR LATER DATE (E.G. JULY 28 OR 29) FOR PASSENGER CHARTER MOVEMENT BUT OFFERED NO PROMISE OF SUCCESS, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF TIGHT AUGUST SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING A SECOND MEETING WITH ECON COUNS AND EMBOFF ON JULY 21, JCAB DEP DIR GEN YAMAJI STATED TIA CHARTER TURNDOWNS BASED ON LACK OF TIME SLOTS AT HANEDA AND PROVIDED A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE PROBLEM.

3. ACCORDING TO YAMAJI A CEILING OF 460 "MOVEMENTS" A DAY AT HANEDA HAD BEEN SET, FOR SAFETY REASONS, IN 1971. THIS NUMBER HAD BEEN SUBDIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: DISTRIBUTION OF DAILY MOVEMENTS AT HANEDA:

TOTAL: 460

148 INTL SCHEDULED CARRIERS

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292 DOMESTIC SCHEDULED CARRIERS

20 NON-SCHEDULED MOVEMENTS

4. WEEKLY INTL SCHEDULED CARRIER MOVEMENTS AND MONTHLY
NON-SCHEDULED MOVEMENTS FOR JULY HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED
AS FOLLOWS:

WEEKLY INTL SCHEDULED CARRIER MOVEMENTS

TOTAL: 1034

U.S. CARRIERS 344

OF WHICH: PAA - 138

NW - 136

FT - 70

JAL - 288

OTHER FOREIGN CARRIERS-402

NON-SCHEDULED MOVEMENTS FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1976

TOTAL: 620 (20 X 31)

(200) FLIGHT CHECKS

(20) AIRCRAFT DELAYS

400

(140) ALLOCATED TO SCHEDULED CARRIER

NORMAL MOVEMENTS SUCH AS PANAM 747

SP FLIGHTS.

260 REMAINDER

OF WHICH:

136 FOR CARRIER NON-SCHEDULED MOVEMENTS

(INC. CHARTERS)

(42) FT

(24) PAA

(8) NW

(0) TIA

117 JAPANESE CARRIERS

(96) INTL

(21) DOMESTIC

7 FINAL REMAINDER FOR ALL OF JULY

5. SEVEN MOVEMENTS ARE THEORETICALLY LEFT OVER BUT
THESE FALL ON DATES WHICH WERE NOT REQUESTED. THE
JULY 26 AND 27 DATES ASKED FOR BY TIA ARE FULLY BOOKED
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TO THE 460 DAILY LIMIT. YAMAJI INDICATED HE DID NOT
KNOW OFF-HAND IF ANY TIME SLOTS WERE AVAILABLE AT
A LATER JULY DATE; I.E., THE 28 OR 29 BUT THAT TIA
COULD PURSUE THE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH THE JCAB IF IT
WISHED. THE AUGUST RETURN OF A PASSENGER CHARTER
WOULD POSE A PROBLEM HOWEVER, SINCE FOREIGN CARRIER
APPLICATIONS FOR THE 260 NON-SCHEDULED MOVEMENTS ALREADY
TOTAL 320. JCAB FORESEES NO EASING OF HANEDA TIME

SLOT PROBLEM AND NON-SCHEDULED CARRIERS WOULD DO BETTER TO PLAN THEIR OPERATIONS FROM AIRPORTS OTHER THAN HANEDA OR OSAKA.

6. EMBASSY COMMENT: YAMAJI'S EXPLANATION CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THE CROWDING OF HANEDA AND REFLECTS THE GOJ ATTITUDE OF GIVING THE SCHEDULED CARRIERS AVAILABLE SLOTS IF FORCED TO MAKE A CHOICE. THIS PROBLEM WILL NEED TO BE EXPLORED FURTHER AT THE BILATERAL TALKS BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE GOJ WILL YIELD GROUND EASILY TO SUPPLEMENTS SINCE TIME SLOTS ARE TIGHT AND OTHER INTL SCHEDULED CARRIERS, E.G., SAUDI ARABIAN AIRWAYS WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN SERVICE. JCAB'S OFFER TO CONSULT FURTHER ON PASSENGER CHARTER PASSED TO TIA REP WHO SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH HOME OFFICE AND JAPAN TRAVEL BUREAU BEFORE MAKING DECISION.

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